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EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Computer Science

September 2019 - June 2023

Cumulative GPA: 3.64/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Web Development, Algorithms, Databases, Agile Software Development, Artificial Intelligence

EXPERIENCE

Founding Software Engineer

July 2023 – July 2024

Chicago, IL

Flare Financial Systems

- Engineered a RESTful API for streamlined management of payment approval requests using Stripe APIs and Webhooks, allowing seamless submission that reduced processing time by 40% across user transactions
- Designed and deployed a fully customizable payment link feature utilizing Stripe APIs and Next.js, enabling users to create branded links that collectively processed transactions exceeding \$25,000 within the first month
- Devised a solution to integrate receipt attachments and custom metadata mappings into financial transactions via a RESTful API, improving data consistency and eliminating hundreds of hours of manual entry per month
- Deployed application-level caching using TanStack Query, resulting in a 30% decrease in server load while enhancing perceived user response time for seamless interactions
- Built a payments interface using Next.js, Node.js, and PostgreSQL with advanced filtering options, optimizing transaction management for over \$1 million in processed transactions

Software Engineer Intern

June 2022 – September 2022

Flare Financial Systems

Chicago, IL

- Directed comprehensive user testing for the financial dashboard feature, collecting valuable feedback from 10 active organizations to drive critical enhancements in both design and functionality of the interface
- Converted Figma designs into a financial reporting dashboard in ReactJS, integrating QuickBooks data and using ChartJS for interactive visualizations to track monthly revenue
- Developed a back-end web service with Node.js and AWS Cognito to manage user authentication resulting in secure identity management and access control

Projects

$\textbf{Email Newsletter} \mid \textit{Rust, PostgreSQL, Redis, Docker}$

- Created an efficient backend solution to facilitate secure user authentication processes using session cookies while storing active sessions within a Redis cache for rapid session retrieval
- Established an email system that eliminated duplicate emails using idempotent keys, an asynchronous PostgreSQL queue, and background workers—achieving 100% elimination

Photo App | Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, PostgreSQL, Flask, SQL Alchemy

- Composed a RESTful API using Flask and SQLAlchemy, seamlessly facilitating data interactions for the front-end while delivering an efficient response time of under 300 milliseconds across all endpoints
- Architected a secure user authentication strategy utilizing JWT for stateless API access and a PostgreSQL database that safely stored user secrets as one-way salted hashes to safeguard sensitive data
- Implemented granular authorization controls on each API endpoint via custom middleware, restricting access to sensitive operations and enhancing data security

Huddle Up | JavaScript, React, Firebase Real Time Database, React Bootstrap

- Designed database architecture that leveraged Firebase's real-time capabilities to deliver live event notifications, updating clients instantly without additional server requests
- Developed a web application for finding on-campus sporting events using ReactJS with vanilla JavaScript for the front-end

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: TypeScript, JavaScript, Python, Rust, HTML, CSS, SQL (Postgres)

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Developer Tools: Git, Docker, Redis, Amazon Web Services [AWS Lambda, S3, EC2, RDS]